

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting

May 11, 2006

Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Gary Bent, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Dudley Hamlin, Chris Kueffner, John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded Dr. Bent to approve the minutes of the 4/13/06 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Additions to Present Agenda - None.

VI. Committee Reports –Ms Feathers reported that the Personnel Committee continues negotiations with the Nurses' Association. Mr. Simpson reported that there was no Building Committee meeting this month.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. **MMS/Thailand Exchange-** Mrs. Candace Morell, Assistant Principal and Mr. Wayne Trembly, Enrichment Teacher, Mansfield Middle School introduced the Board to Ladawan Hegwachikul and Onuma Khotnawang from the Patai Udon Suksa School in Bangkok Thailand. The Middle School is exploring establishing a sister school program with the school.

Dudley Hamlin arrived at 8:00 p.m.

- B. **Full-Day Kindergarten Report** - Mss. Monique Brown, Sally Clark, Mary Lee Geary, and Marcy Rudge joined the elementary principals and assistant superintendent in a discussion with the Board on the success of the full-day kindergarten program.
- C. **Safe Roads to School Grant** - Mr. Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works, reported on the grant to continue bikeways/walkways to Goodwin School. **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin seconded by Dr. Bent to endorse The Safe Roads to School Plan. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- D. **Class Size/Enrollment** - The building principals reported no significant change in the current enrollment.
- E. **Budget Reductions-**Dr. Schimmel discussed possible reductions the Administrative Council has considered to achieve the Council's request for \$157,000 from the Board's budget.

VIII. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda – None.

X. Executive Session

MOTION by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to go into executive session at 9:10

p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to return to open session at 9:55 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to approve the "Singletons" Salary Proposal for 2006-2007 Fiscal Year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

XI. Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Dr. Bent to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk